



# Newsletter-December 08

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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## STAFF

At the end of December one member of staff will be leaving after two and a half years amongst us. The objective one project 'The Welsh advantage –phase 2' is coming to an end, therefore we must say good bye to a colleague and a friend, Gwerfyl Eidda. We would all as staff, directors and the community like to thank Gwerfyl for all her hard work and wish her well for the future.  
**GOOD LUCK!**

We would also like to welcome Cerian Ellis back after her year off on maternity leave. Cerian has returned as a Development Officer therefore Dylan will be Chief Officer permanently.

## FREE PRESS

Our Welsh column in the Free Press continues, we are always looking for new material for the column. If you are interested in participating or know who would please contact us. The column is there for anyone to contribute in Welsh about anything, whether it's your hobby or an event.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY MENTER IAITH SIR DDINBYCH



In September Menter Iaith celebrated it's 10th Birthday. The Menter was established back in 1998, and over the years has seen many staff come and go. As part of the celebration an evening of cheese and wine was held at the Brookhouse Mill. A very successful evening was had in the company of Revered Marcus Robinson. About 70 people came to enjoy and taste different wines and light entertainment was to be had by Meinir Gwilym. We would like to thank Iorwen for all her hard work arranging the evening and to everybody who supported. Therefore I would like to wish Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych Happy 10th Birthday and all the very best for the next 10 years.



## HERITAGE PROJECT

As part of the Heritage project which is financed by the National Lottery the band Brigyn conducted 3 musical workshops in three different schools in Rhyl. The three schools were Ysgol Llewelyn, Ysgol Dewi Sant and Ysgol Bryn Hedydd. The days were funded by the Communities First Initiative and the Lottery Heritage fund.

The children used musical instruments, computer software and their own voices to compose, record and listen to the music they had created. Two of the workshops were bilingual and one was conducted entirely through the medium of Welsh. Gerallt Lyall, the 'Heritage and Language education officer' said "the workshops were a huge success". The music created will be made into a CD.



## ACTIVITIES

In October a school's pop tour was held in numerous areas across the county including Llangollen, Corwen, Ruthin, Denbigh, St Asaph, Rhyl and Prestatyn. Over 1500 children enjoyed live Welsh music by Meinir Gwilym.

A coffee morning was held in Llandyrnog as part of an initiative to encourage locals to attend Welsh for learners classes. As a result classes have started on Thursday November 27th at the school and they will be running for 8 weeks. If you are interested please contact us.

## EVENTS 2009

Numerous events are being organised for 2009 including our annual St David's concert. 'Cymraeg—Kids soak it up' campaign will also be in the area. Look out for more details for these events. If you have any ideas on activities or events, or would like to see an event in your area, please contact us we are always looking for new ideas and volunteers.

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